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TOPIC Soviet Troops in St. Poelten, Mauer Oehling, Stockerau and Mistelbach

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St. Poelten.

1. On 18 December 1950, the barracks installation on the west side of Schießstattring, St. Poelten (O 49/W 88), was occupied by Soviet troops. Motor vehicles, predominantly trucks were in all garages. Nine trucks parked in the open [REDACTED]. No armored vehicles or heavy weapons were observed. Trucks [REDACTED] both driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were parked in front of the former Kreisgericht (district court building).

2. Little traffic was observed at the Soviet kommandatura at 37 Linzerstrasse. Most of the soldiers seen walking between the kommandatura and the quarters on Schießstattring wore black-bordered red epaulets. Some houses adjoining the kommandatura on the south were connected with the kommandatura by telephone wires. They seemed to be officers' billets.

3. A Soviet office is still in the building at 1 Maria Theresienstrasse. A villa further south on the same street was guarded by sentries and surrounded by a high board fence. Local residents said that this was a Soviet prison.

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Mauer Oehling.

5. On 29 December, three groups, each of about 40 soldiers, were seen drilling in the billeting area of the former Landesirrenanstalt (state insane asylum) in Mauer Oehling (O 49/W 26). The billeting area was surrounded by a board fence. The wooden garages visible from the outside were only lightly occupied. However, numerous tracks made by wheeled vehicles and some by tracked vehicles could be seen in the snow. About 20 soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets were engaged in field training in the nearby woods. A detached wooden shed, either a storehouse for fuel or a garage, was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Truck [REDACTED] left the billeting area and truck [REDACTED] was loaded with sacks.

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from a refrigerator car at the railroad station. Both trucks were driven by soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets. *

Stockerau.

6. On 28 December, the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Stockerau (O 49/S 21) was observed to be occupied. About 40 soldiers were at the drill field, drilling with four medium AA guns.
7. Gate guards at the Jaeger and Artillerie Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulets. Some motor vehicles were parked in the barracks yard. There was very little activity.

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Mistelbach.

8. No outdoor activities were observed at the Erzherzog Karl Kaserne, Mistelbach (P 49/S 55), on 20 December. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. The installation still seemed to be unoccupied, since no smoke was coming from the chimneys.
9. The wooden buildings of the cantonment at Mistelbach were in good condition and were posted with "No Smoking" signs. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed at one of the buildings. Three empty boxcars stood on a spur track in the camp. ***

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* [redacted] Comment. The information indicates that the component units of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in St. Poelten and Neuw Oehling were still at their posts at the time of observation. [redacted] 25X1A

25X1A* [redacted] Comment. On 29 November same source reported that the Prinz Eugen Kaserne was only lightly occupied and, as he also stated in the present report, that the Jaeger and Artillerie Kaserne was virtually unoccupied. [redacted]. It is possible that the two installations were only partially occupied at the end of December. 25X1A

25X1A [redacted] 25X1A *** [redacted] Comment. Same source reported the Erzherzog Karl Kaserne to have been vacant on 30 October. [redacted]. Large quantities of bogie wheels and tracks for tanks were reportedly stored in the cantonment on 21 October. The cantonment is believed to be a supply installation.

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